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Part 2

January 9, 1889– March 20, 1889
Letters Sent from Mint Headquarters

Fair copies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

Some of these letters duplicate those of Entry 1, and others are responses to letters in those boxes or in Entry 229 "Letters Received."

January 9th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, your attention is called to the advisability of shipping all your bullion on the last day of the quarter, instead of leaving a small balance on hand to be carried to the next quarter's accounts. This is done at Denver, Charlotte and St. Louis, and the bullion accounts closed each quarter. The adjustment of values with the Mint is not made until the close of the fiscal year, but no bullion is carried from one quarter to the next. If practicable I desire this done at your institution hereafter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and Settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Director.

January 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
2,000 Deposit Tickets.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 9, 1889

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6,000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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+ $5,000.00

Jany 9, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 8, 1889.

Mr. John W. Browning,
Melter U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I did not reply to yours of October 16 asking for the designation of one of your assistants to act in your place at all times during your temporary absence, because it had been repeatedly brought to my notice by the Assayer-in-charge that your attendance at the mint has habitually been "uncertain, indefinite, for short periods of time, and so irregular that the performance of your official duties could not be depended upon"; and because the request above referred to was forwarded by the Assayer-in-charge without recommendation, for the reason here stated.

It has, moreover, been reported that in consequence of your failure to attend to the regular duties of your office delays, confusion and liability to errors have been obviated only by their performance by the assay department, instead of your own.

I felt it my duty to forward the last com

-munication, (under date of December 10) of the Assayer-in-Charge complaining of your dereliction to the Secretary of the Treasury, who in turn made it the subject of a communication to the President.

I have been desired both by the President and the Secretary of the Treasury to inform you that the official report of your dereliction of duty has been received with surprise, and should be explained by you. For this purpose I enclose the original communication of the Assayer-in-charge referred to you for explanation and return, and trust that no further cause of complaint may arise.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

January 9, 1889

Glenham Hotel,
Fifth Avenue near 21st Street,
New York City.

Expect me late this evening.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Telegram

January 9, 1889.

Hon. Smith M. Weed,
Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

Shall hope to see you late this evening. President would like to put you on Assay Commission for February thirteenth. Shall he do so?
Answer, collect.

Jas. P. Kimball, Director Mint.

January 10, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Forty-five Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-seven 38/100 Dollars, ($45,587.38/100,) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Nine 21/100 Dollars ($609.21/100.,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-six 59/100 Dollars ($46,196.59/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum dated January 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Jan'y 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, I. T.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1600.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion." Hereafter please make separate request for advances from this appropriation.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, L.T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $4,100.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$1650.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	250.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

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+ $10200.00 + + + + +

Salaries	1889,	$2,700.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	5,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2,500.

January 10, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31st 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 10, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 10, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Jan'y 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 18 & 18½ dated Dec. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$46,313.\frac{14}{100}$, charges $\$116\frac{55}{100}$, and net value $\underline{\$46,196\frac{59}{100}}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

January 10th 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your Statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, has not been received at this Bureau. You will please forward it by return mail.

In preparing the statement you will please deduct from the expenses for distributing silver dollars the sum of $4.01 which will be disallowed, and to which your attention has been directed.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7000. from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

This advance is made to you to pay wages of workmen and no portion of it will be expended for ordinary bills. Bills for copper for alloy purposes, will be paid, as far as practicable, from your appropriation for contingent expenses.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 10, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Herewith is returned, as desired, for correction, Form 231, Cashier's Daily Statement, for December 20, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1889.

Superintendent of Government Printing,
No. 8 Hastings Street,
Calcutta, India.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by this Office of the following publication: "Finances of British India, Part II., from April 1, 1879, to March 31, 1887."

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
For Director of the Mint.

January 10th, 1889.

A. W. Copeland, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to the enclosed card; please return to this office all mail matter in your hands sent from this Bureau addressed to the Detroit and Lake Superior Smelting and Refining Company.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 11, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho & that of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-eight 58/100 Dollars ($6,598.58/100,) in Gold Coin and Ninety-six 94/100 Dollars ($96 94/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five 52/100 Dollars, ($6,695.52/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City as shown by Memorandum dated January 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa, of the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-five 71/100 Dollars, ($10,995 71/100,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty-one 57/100 Dollars ($151 57/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Forty Seven 28/100 Dollars, ($11,147.28/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, at St. Louis, Mo, as shown by Memorandum dated January 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

January 11, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery, & Std. Sil. Doll. Coinage & Storage accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Jany 11, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Jany 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22 dated Dec. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $6,709.77/100, charges $14.25/100, and net value $6,695.52/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11th, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Confirmed

Hold your bullion and coin accounts for quarter ended December thirty-first until you hear from this Bureau.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11, 1889.

Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces; at $0.9315

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	40,000 Ounces,	at $0.9310
Handy & Harman	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.9315

Jany 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery, & Std. Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending December 31st, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Bar Books.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Jany. 7, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 78 dated Jany 4, 1889, has been received and examined, at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $11,176.02, charges $28.74, and net value $11,147.28. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 11, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Telegram Confirmed

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

January 11, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and fifteen hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

January 11, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

January 11, 1889

Telegram

Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Jan'y 12, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars, (\$43,478.$\frac{52}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Twenty-two $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars (\$622.$\frac{88}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four Thousand One Hundred and One $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$44,101.$\frac{40}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office, at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated January 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Director

January 12, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated January 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 29 dated Dec. 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$44,213.\frac{31}{100}$, charges $\$111.\frac{91}{100}$, and net value $\$44,101.\frac{40}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 12, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 31, 1888, enclosing bond of Clark & Larabee for duplicate check No. 48,893 for $633.96, issued by you on the Assistant Treasurer at New York August 3, 1888, I return the bond in order that the instructions, concerning duplicate checks may be complied with.

Your attention is called to the fact that no affidavit is attached and forwarded with the bond showing the circumstances under which it was lost. You will have the parties make the bond comply in every particular strictly with the

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instructions marked in pencil. When the bond is completed, you will forward the same to the Secretary of the Treasury through this Bureau and if all the requirements have been complied with the Secretary will, upon receipt of the bond of indemnity, instruct the Assistant Treasurer at New York to pay the duplicate check.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 12th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by Draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 60,000 Ounces, at $0.9315

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause eighteen (18) gold and five (5) silver Life Saving Medals to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable. You will render your account for the medals and expressage on the enclosed form.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

January 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Coiner's Receipts for Coin Deliveries.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 12, 1889.

C. O. Boutelle, Esq.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The President has designated you as one of the board known as the Annual Assay Commission to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved and forwarded for this purpose by the several coinage Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1888.

The Commission will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 13th proximo, at ten o'clock A. M.

No compensation is provided by law for the services of Commissioners. Necessary personal expenses incurred in travelling, to and from Philadelphia, and while attending the Commission, will be reimbursed at the close of the meeting.

Please acquaint me at your earliest convenience as to your acceptance of the appointment.

For your information is enclosed herewith a pamphlet containing laws relating to the Annual Assay. I beg to refer you for precedents to Rules for Organization, and to proceedings of a former Commission, also contained in the same pamphlet.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to following addresses:

A. J. Bowie, Esq.,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Prof. Francis M. Burlick,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Prof. George H. Cook,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Edward Hall, Esq.,
Lyon Mountain,
New York

Prof. E. N. Horsford,
Cambridge,
Mass.

Hon. Charles J. Leeds,
New Orleans, La.

Henry Leffmann, Esq.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. Henry Morton,
Stevens Institute
Hoboken, N. J.

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George C. Munson, Esq.,
Denver,
Colo.

Prof. J. S. Newberry,
Columbia College,
New York City.

Prof. William H. Pettee,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Prof. Robert H. Richards,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Boston, Mass.

Hon. Charles Tracey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Hon. D. W. Vorhees,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Robert P. Waring, Esq.,
Charlotte, N.C.

January 14, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Gabriel Montegut, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars ($280,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 14, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

Bullion Fund Book.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

January 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $280,000.- to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 14, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice any orders received by you for fivecent nickels from New York and Baltimore you will return with the information that they can be obtained from the Assistant Treasurers of the United States in those cities.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office, at New York for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

January 15th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15th, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Ida.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 662 for $21.77, being on account of alloy charges inclosed in your communication of the 7th instant, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City.

Sir:

C. D. No. 663 for $3,431.65, being on account of parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 7th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30th, 1888, are herewith returned for correction as indicated in pencil. Your personal attention is directed to the extent of the changes required.

It is a matter of surprise that the accounts should have been forwarded to this Bureau in the shape in which they were prepared.

You will please have these accounts, as well as your accounts in future, prepared by some one who understands mint accounts.

As no profit and loss account was received I have prepared a rough form in pencil and forward it with the accounts.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 146 for $8.00 being on account of Assays of bullion inclosed in your communication of the 1st instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 147 for $2.50 " " " sale of old material
" " " " " " " " "

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

On your Register of Deposits for quarter ended September 30, 1888, silver deposits of the following numbers have been entered as gold deposits, namely:

Receipt No.	Fineness		Standard weight (ozs. & dec.)	
	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
5	.278	.460	19.296	31.73
22	.2545	.580	7.445	16.89

By reference to Art. 1, Section 5 (first paragraph), of the Regulations you will see that this Register (received January 11) is three months late in arriving at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, have been approved and forwarded to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for settlement.

A disallowance of $4.01 in the bills for shipping silver dollars, to which your attention has been directed, will be recommended.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Allow me to remind you of the expediency of doing whatever can be done to mitigate the direct rays of the electric lights to the eyes of the adjusters. If no fixture can be devised for the benefit of the whole room, I think it would be well to provide shades for the ladies' eyes which you can obtain and issue, in the same way that gloves are supplied.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed find list of silver deposits entered as gold deposits, and Gold deposit as Silver deposit on your Register of Deposits for quarter ended December 31, 1888.

A very marked improvement in correctly distinguishing Silver deposits from deposits of gold bullion is apparent by comparison of the Register for last quarter with the one for quarter ended March 31, 1887, the latter containing one hundred and twelve instances of incorrect classification, as enumerated in letter of June 20, 1887, against nine during the quarter ended 31st ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Errors, Register of Deposits, Mint at Philadelphia, quarter ended December 31, 1888.

Silver deposits entered as gold deposits.

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Gold	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Silver.
569	.317	.509	5.354	8.54
75	.3345	.369	7.898	8.63
611	.1685	.283	2.434	4.06
8	.2915	.350	5.652	6.73
749	.354	.408	5.113	5.84
815	.3585	.532	3.226	4.75
80	.4185	.502	6.394	7.60
5	.325	.423	4.496	5.81

Gold deposit entered as silver deposit.

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Gold	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Silver
20	.346	.3815	57.21	63.795

January 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, your attention is directed to the following errors on the abstract sheets:

Silver purchase of July 12th from J. & W. Seligman & Co. at the rate of $0.92,45, the fine weight of silver contained is entered on the abstract sheets as 72,065.76 and the value as $66,624.79. The weight should be 72,075.76 and the value $66,634.04.

Deposit of silver bullion No 1, of July 12th by J. L. Clark, the silver contained is entered as 207.33 Standard ounces. It should be 195.59 Standard ounces.

I will thank you to inform me how these errors occurred, and the form of correction which you have to suggest in connection with your accounts.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send you copy of the Fiscal Report 1888, and ask your attention to what is said under heading of "Technical operations of mints."

You will observe that I have assumed that the proposed improvement in the cutting and finishing of blanks had been put to a test by ordering the proposed machine from Pratt, Whitney & Co. Suggestion was made by me, either verbally or in writing, that Messrs. Tuttle and James, who have been at work at it, put the matter in some form of specifications, and then proceed to have the machine constructed.

I may say in general that every effort should be made, even at some expense, to overcome the technical difficulties which have become of very serious moment at your Mint, owing to the volume of business. And I may further say that my efforts at economy have been chiefly directed to the pay-roll, and that I am not inclined to withhold approval of plans which may be devised by the Operative officers to improve mechanical operations.

No encouragement can be expected to improved efficiency on the part of the Operative departments unless the efforts of the operative officers in the direction above indicated are met with prompt attention.

You are therefore requested, if steps have not been taken already, to put into a business form a proposal for constructing a cutting machine according to plans and general specifications of Messrs. Tuttle and James, without further action on my part.

A letter from Messrs. Pratt & Whitney consenting to do the specific work at a given price will answer in lieu of contract, as no very exact terms, under the circumstances, can be imposed.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have no objection to your transfer of Henry W. Crotzer to the duties of "Assistant in the General Department at $3. per diem." Please make nomination in regular form, apart from subject-matter of your letter of 10th of January.

The volume which has been compiled by Mr. Crotzer should be forwarded to this Bureau. Allow me to say, however, that I have no means of forming an estimate of the scientific accuracy of the work described by you as having been performed by Mr. Crotzer, and it is very doubtful, under the circumstances, whether any use can be made of such parts of the record as are statistical. The measure of value of such work is very largely personal, and of Mr. Crotzer's qualifications for such work I have no means of judging.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant in relation to the mis-spelling of the name of Mary W. Clarke I have to inform you that the name of this employe is entered on the Official Register of this Bureau as above. Reference to her Official Oath shows that it was signed with a terminal "e", so the entry must be correct. All that is necessary, therefore, is to correct your records and rolls to correspond.

In connection with this subject I would suggest that much trouble, in the way of changes in names, might be avoided if more care was taken in the spelling in submitting appointments. As the spelling of surnames is arbitrary and generally difficult, it would be well in each case to have the applicant write out in full his or her name as a preliminary to appointment.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100,000 Ounces, at	$0.9355

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, your attention is directed to the charges imposed on deposits of silver bullion, assay numbers 71-79, by Loaiza, August 15th.

Instead of having the usual parting charge of two cents an ounce, and a dollar for melting, you have two sets of figures entered under the parting charge with a letter opposite the top figures which looks like the letter "S" or the letter "I".

The amount of the charges in each case is correct, but I will thank you to explain why they were separated in the manner indicated and what the letters mean.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 678 for $9,311.84, being on account of parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 679 for $522.67, + + + alloy charges
+ + + + + + + + +
+ + as a "Miscellaneous receipt." + +

January 15th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, your attention is directed to the fact that the standard weight of the gold deposited is entered in the accounts as 3,196.028, while the footing of the abstract sheets is 3,196.040.

You will please inform me why a different weight was entered in the accounts from that shown by the abstract sheets.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

January 15, 1889.

R. W. Gilder,
Century Magazine
17th Street, New York City.

Bill for new designs of authorized devices favorably reported January twelfth, by Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

January 15, 1889.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and fifty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 678 for $9,311.84, being on account of parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 8th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
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Director.

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Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and fifty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 15, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Jan'y 16, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 16th 1889

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

The amount allowed for contingent expenses in the settlement of your accounts was $414.43. You have the amount entered as $414.73.

Please return this statement with the corrected one.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Jany. 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany. 16, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Cols.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks, at Denver, Cols.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 16, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1888. All accounts should be accompanied by letters of transmittal.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 16th, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cala.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888 have been examined in this Bureau, approved and forwarded to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement.

Your attention is directed to the following errors in the preparation of these accounts which have been corrected in this Bureau, viz:

"Deposit and purchase account" is credited "for the cost value of 10,698.33 standard ounces of silver purchased during the quarter". It should be 10,539.21 standard ounces.

On the abstract sheet of gold deposits the unpaid warrants are entered as $92,208.42, of which $92,069.60 is due in gold coin and $138.82 in silver coin, and these amounts have been deducted from the totals in order to show the payments of the quarter.

The unpaid gold warrants of the quarter amounted to $90,183.14, of which $90,057.48

is due in gold coin and $125.66 in Silver coin.

I have corrected the errors making new totals on the recapitulation sheet of your gold deposits.

It is hardly necessary for me to say that errors of this kind, or indeed of any kind, should not appear in your bullion and coin accounts, and that the greatest care should be taken in their preparation, as it is very undesirable that these accounts should be sent back across the Continent, and equally undesirable that changes should be made in your accounts in this Bureau after you have signed them.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 16, 1889.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 16, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant is at hand and in reply I would say that my objection is not so much to the employment of additional workmen as to paying for the service on vouchers instead of upon the regular rolls. I did not object earlier to this irregularity because I regarded the employment as temporary, but as the same persons have been employed from month to month, some of them for a year and upwards, I find the service is not of a temporary character.

In order that there may be no further misunderstanding as to the meaning of the term "temporary" I would say that when an exigency arises requiring the immediate employment of extra help, for a week or ten days, an appointment may be made, without submitting the same for approval; but in all cases where the services of additional help, for a month or more, is necessary the names must be submitted regularly for approval as required by the regulations. (see Sect. 1., article 23).

Upon receipt of this letter all of the employes in question, whose services can be dispensed with, will be discharged and the names of those whose services it is actually necessary to retain will be submitted for approval, provided your appropriation for wages of workmen will warrant their continued employment.

Respectfully yours,
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

January 17, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 17, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Std. Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé, I. T.

Sir:

The official bonds of Jas. H. Wickersham, Assistant Clerk, Samuel Horn, Janitor, and Thomas D. Pettit, nightwatchman, were approved by the Secretary on the 14th inst. and have been referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 17, 1889.

Assayer,
Boisé.

Sir:

C. D. No. 446 for $334.19, being on account of charges inclosed in your communication of the 10th inst, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 447 for $28.13 , + + + sweeps
+ + + + + + +

C. D. No. 445 for $59.50 + + + bullion
assays + + + + + +
+ no personal credit to be given you in your
accounts, + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + +

January 17, 1889.

Assayer,
Boisé.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I return herewith your "Bullion Quotations" of the 2nd instant for correction as to rate of exchange, which should be $4.88 1/4 instead of $4.84 1/4.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 16th of January, I may say in general that any dies returned to you not defaced so that they cannot be again used as dies should be further defaced by you. I understand the term "destroy", or destruction, to be defacement to the extent of preventing further use as dies.

This, also, answers your letter of January 9th. I believe that the Regulations are sufficiently explicit on all points as to the treatment of returned dies.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 9th of January, I have to say that when the twenty-five cents was added to the pay of the adjusters it was not intended that the same increase should be general throughout the Mint; and I do not consider it reasonable to assume that had such an increase been contemplated it would not have been specifically provided for. The effort was to more closely assimilate the per diem of the adjusters to that of other women in the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 16th instant, you are authorized to order 50,000 pounds additional of one cent blanks from Joseph Wharton under his existing contract.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & S.S. Doll. Expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Confirmed.

January 17, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Examine delivery of quarters number sixty-eight, December twentieth; found to be six hundredths of a grain above limit.

If this average prevails, delivery should be condemned.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

January 17, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Charles F. McDonald, Esq.,
Supt., Money Order Division,
Post Office Department.

January 17th, 1889.

Sir:

The value of the "Sol" of Peru on the 1st January of the present year was fixed at 68 cents.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18th, 1889

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Penna for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 18, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Doll. Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending December 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery &

S. S. Doll. Expens: accounts for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 18, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9370

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1889.

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

In lieu of legible "Mint Receipt", claimant should take steps to satisfy you of his personal identity. Whole question turns on this. Compare quality of paper of Mint Receipt with original receipt book, and if necessary employ paper expert.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

January 18th, 1889.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, have been examined in this Bureau, approved and forwarded to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement.

Attention has been directed to silver purchase of July 12th from J. & W. Seligman & Co., the weight of the fine silver in which was ten ounces more than the amount paid for, and with which you have charged yourself in your accounts.

You are instructed to charge yourself in your accounts for the current quarter with ten ounces of fine silver and to pay J. & W. Seligman & Co. the sum of $9.25, taking their receipt therefor.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and transmit to this Bureau as early as practicable, a summary statement of annual-assay coins reserved at the Mint at Philadelphia during the calendar year 1888, similar in form to statement on page 14 of printed "Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1888."

It will not do to merely add the totals on Form 125 for the twelve months. This form has had to be so frequently returned for correction that the data desired should be carefully verified.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

The amount of your contingent expenses approved by this Bureau was $12,269.77.

Please return the statement corrected, and hereafter have the quarterly statements of earnings and expenditures prepared in the manner indicated in pencil.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant requesting authority to purchase 1200 pounds of pure nickel to be used in the recoinage of one cent nickel pieces into five cent nickel pieces, from Joseph Wharton, at the rate of sixty five cents (65¢) per pound, you are authorized to purchase the quantity of nickel abovenamed, provided you are satisfied that the price quoted by you is the lowest at which a suitable quality of nickel for your purposes can be obtained.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jan'y 18, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and seven tenth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

January 18, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
124 Nassau Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

January 19, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 19, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Your statements of Domestic Production Deposits and Purchases and Bars manufactured for calendar year 1888, are returned herewith for correction.

The amount of silver credited to Nevada is reported on your annual statement (Form 61) as 1,006,064.86 st'd ozs., while the statements rendered monthly show the production of that state to be 1,007,060.41 st'd ozs.

Your statement of bars manufactured for July 1888, does not appear to have been received at this Bureau.

Please forward it and your corrected statements promptly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 50,000 Ounces, at $0.93 7/

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to the case of A. Squires, as claimant for a deposit made in 1855, I have to say that the proper course, and so far as I see under the circumstances the only course, will be for the claimant to give a bond of indemnity in a sum double the amount of the deposit, against the certificate of deposit, the original certificate being, as you state, illegible; provided the identity is established, as suggested in my telegram of yesterday. Of course in failure of identification of paper grounds would exist for refusing payment.

I wish to call your attention to the characteristics described as belonging to the claimant, which in this case are so pronounced as to create some suspicion that they may be assumed in keeping with the alleged situation. A claim resting upon confidence is very likely to be supported by pronounced personal characteristics, as described in this case. In short, this affair, as reported by you and in the newspapers, seems to me somewhat theatrical on the part of the claimant, unless genuine and very extraordinary eccentricity.

While I desire to help you all I can in this matter, final responsibility of action will rest upon you as the disbursing officer.

I have telegraphed to the Postmaster of Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County, California, to inquire as to his knowledge of the claimant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7260 for $148 322.76 being on account of Minor Coinage profits, inclosed in your communication of the 17th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "minor coinage profits."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany. 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of 17th instant on the subject of the excess of weight above tolerance of quarter-dollars of delivery sixty-eight of December 20, which telegram has been confirmed, I have to say further that it will be important for you to report your action as speedily as possible, if necessary by telegraph, so that if the whole delivery is found defective the reserved coins from such delivery shall be withdrawn from the reserved assay-coins at the Mint at Philadelphia, your recourse being in such case to a condemnation of the whole delivery, as suggested in telegram referred to, and a reduction of your coinage statement by the value and number of pieces condemned.

You should also ascertain and report who is responsible for the defective coinage.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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January 19th, 1889.

Hon. F. M. Cockrell,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your request of the 7th instant, I send you in one package today ten copies of my fiscal report. As the number is limited this is all that can be spared.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1889.

Telegram
Tor

United States Postmaster,
Mokelumne Hill,
Calaveras County, California.

If a man named A. Squires is known to you, give full name and present whereabouts and personal character, whether good or bad. Answer at Expense of Treasury Department.

James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1889.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Gentlemen:

In order to close purchases of Silver within business hours on stated days for silver purchases, no supplementary additional offers will hereafter be entertained.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to addresses noted on next page:

(See preceding page)

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Messrs. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

January 21, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo., to that of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty 76/100 Dollars, ($11,930.76/100) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine 85/100 Dollars ($229.85/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Sixty 61/100 Dollars, ($12,160.61/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum dated Jan'y 17, 1889 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The amount of gold and silver deposited, as production of Georgia, North and South Carolina at the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices during the calendar year 1888, as requested in your letter of 16th instant is as follows, viz:

	Gold.	Silver.
Georgia	5,258.014 St. ozs.	423.61 St. ozs.
North Carolina	4,764.479 "	2,395.77 "
South Carolina	2,010.666 "	180.28 "

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1889.

Assayer,
Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 145 for $356.98, being on account of melting, assaying & stamping charges inclosed in your communication of the 12th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bill of the 28th ultimo, amounting to $448.70, for the manufacture of 5 pairs double eagle, 5 pairs eagle, 5 pairs half eagle, 5 pairs Standard Silver dollar and ten pairs of dime, dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The amount to be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint:

Wages of workmen, 1889,	$420.80
Contingent Expenses, 1889,	27.90

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 52

Jany 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms & books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Assayer's Receipts on Silver Bullion Deposits.
4 Receipt books for Partial Payment.
1. Vault Register of Gold.
1 " " " Silver.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia amounting to $448.70, for the manufacture of coinage dies for the use of your

Mint, payable from the following appropriations:

Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars -		$102.30
Wages of Workmen of your Mint,	1889	323.60
Contingent Expenses do	1889	22.80

Of the amount paid from Coinage of Standard silver dollars $97.20 was on account of wages of workmen and $5.10 for Contingent Expenses.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 21, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Jan'y 17, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 79 dated Jan'y 15, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $12,194.$\frac{66}{100}$, charges $34.$\frac{05}{100}$, and net value $12,160$\frac{61}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Ira Remsen Esq.,
Pub.r Am.n Chem.l Journal,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Herewith returned, for correction, please find your bill of January 17, 1889. The records of this Bureau show that vol. X. (1888) of the American Chemical Journal was paid for on the 30th of January 1888.

I will be pleased to receive your explanation of the reason why vol XI of this Journal for 1889 is charg at an advance of $1.50 upon the price which has hitherto prevailed.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball.

January 21, 1889.

F. W. Christern, Esq.
#254 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Sir:

Please forward consolidated bill (in duplicate) of books purchased from you for this Bureau, which have not yet been paid for and oblige.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

January 21, 1889.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.
No. 838 Broadway
New York.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward a consolidated bill (in duplicate) of all books, pamphlets, and periodicals furnished to this Bureau since July 1, 1888, and which have not already been paid for.

Please advise me whether you can furnish American books at library prices.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 22, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In the matter of the defalcation in the accounts of the Assayer (W. H. Camp) in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, from July 1, 1883 to May 15, 1885, suit upon the bond has without notice to this Bureau or official use of its records, been tried in one of the courts of the District of Columbia and failed, probably because the prosecution omitted to show that the unlawful disposition of public moneys occurred prior to July 7, 1884, the date of adjournment of the Senate, when the bond is claimed to have lapsed.

In view of the fact that papers of record in the Bureau of the Mint indicate a shortage June 30, 1884 (within the period of the bond), of at least $6,819.34, the amount of four checks (July 2 $253.20, July 3 $402.36, July 5 $753.40, July 5 $5,410.38) drawn between June 30 and July 7, 1884, it seems proper to suggest the question whether another suit should not be commenced in this case.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the U. S. Assay Office at Saint Louis, Mo., for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y. 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Your statement of Refinery Operations (Form 95) for the calendar year ended Dec. 31, 1888, is returned herewith for correction.

The amounts reported on the annual statement do not agree with the aggregate of the figures as reported monthly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22d 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.93

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Please forward your Register of Deposits for quarter ended 31st ultimo.

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Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

On receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco was telegraphed to examine delivery number sixty-eight (December 20) of quarter dollars, and if the average excess in weight reported by you prevailed, to condemn the whole delivery.

Please retain for the present the coin in question, and in future inform this Bureau promptly of all similar irregularities.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your Register of Deposits for quarter ended December 31, 1888, deposit number 5547, fineness gold 284, silver 616; standard weight, gold 74.475 ounces, Silver 160.92 ounces, is classified as of gold, instead of silver, bullion.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Please forward as soon as practicable a statement of Refinery Operations (Form 95) for the calendar year ended Dec. 31, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for two (2) second-hand porcelain refining pots shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson and will thank you to receipt and return the same to this Bureau. As these pots were purchased a number of years ago, no benefit could inure from their sale to your contingent fund of the current so it is deemed best that the amount when received for these pots from the Carson Mint be deposited by you on account of sale of old material.

Upon return of the vouchers properly receipted by you, they will be forwarded to the Carson Mint with instructions that the amount ($30.-) be remitted you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to a disallowance of 65¢, for overcharge on telegrams in your Ordinary account for the month of Sept. 1888, I have to say that your letter of explanation of the 8th of Oct. last, has been referred to the accounting officers of the Department with the request that the disallowance be removed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books of Silver Purchases and Transfers.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 22nd 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, have been examined in this Bureau, approved and forwarded to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

I have changed the standard weight of the Gold deposited from 3,196.028 to 3,196.040, and the standard weight of the Gold shipped from 3,035.395 to 3,035.407.

I need hardly say that these accounts should be strictly correct before forwarding them, as it is very undesirable that corrections should be made in them after your signature has been attached, on the part of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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Telegram

Confirmed

Jany 22, 1889.

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

January 22, 1889.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

over

see preceding page for telegram –

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New York.

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29, Wall Street
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New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11, Wall Street,
New York.

Jan'y 22, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your Statement of Refinery Operations (Form 95) for the calendar year ended Dec. 31, 1888 has not been received.

Please forward it without further delay.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 23, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Preliminary to the commencement of the work of reconstruction of the mint at Philadelphia, I think it of the last importance that the proposed vault construction within the quadrangle of the mint should be taken in hand at once, in order that provision may be made for the security of treasure while the mint is necessarily more or less interrupted by the work of reconstruction and the safety of its bullion and coin greatly jeopardized.

I know of no recourse under the circumstances so effective as to commence operations at once, as soon as the plans, specifications and estimates shall have been passed upon as satisfactory by the Department.

The plans of Messrs. Farrell & Company have been carefully prepared after close consideration of the requirements of the work and of the views entertained by operative Officers, as well as the Superintendent of the mint and myself. In other words, the plans submitted by Farrell & Company are fully in accord with the best practicable and responsible judgment to be had upon so important a matter as the proposed vault construction, and if consistent with the methods of the Department I recommend, should the estimates prove satisfactory to the Department, that they be adopted without further competitition.

These plans are the work of Farrell & Company to whom, as I think, the contract should be given at once for carrying out immediately, without the formality of advertising, inasmuch as the matter has been so long delayed as to have reached a point of emergency. This firm are reputable bidders, and have done considerable work of the same general character in the Mint to the satisfaction of all.

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-quirements of mint practice will obviate the risk attending the employment of unknown contractors, to whom mint requirements would be new.

My anxiety in the matter arises from the immediate necessity for action, and for the protection of mint operations during the process of reconstruction, as these cannot be suspended, owing to the mandatory character of a large part of the coinage.

In justice to the bonded officers I consider that Every precaution should be taken in such a matter. My several annual reports have stated the emergency for vaults. Provisional storage of bullion and coin should not be forced upon bonded officers while the Mint is more or less turned over to contractors. Hence the necessity of giving priority to the construction of vaults.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 23rd, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 22nd instant requesting the present value of the Shanghai tael, I have the honor to state that the value of the Shanghai tael, based on the price of Silver used in estimating the value of foreign silver coins proclaimed on the 1st instant, is $1.005.

The enclosures in your letter are herewith returned as requested.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 23, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred and ninety-nine $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$24,199.\frac{21}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Forty $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars ($\$440.\frac{37}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{58}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$24,639.\frac{58}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, as shown by memorandum dated Jany. 19, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 23, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty two $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$13,682\frac{65}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($\$216\frac{82}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine $\frac{47}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$13,899.\frac{47}{100}$,) bring the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by memorandum dated January 18, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

Jan'y 23rd 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer-in-charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jan'y 23, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Jan'y 19, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 23 dated Jan'y 12, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $24,699 70/100, charges $60 12/100, and net value $24,639 58/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

January 23, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary) Expense account for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval. I will thank you, hereafter, not to cut your abstract of disbursements as the space is needed for certificate and approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany 23, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Jany. 18, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 30, dated Jany 12, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$13,935.$\frac{28}{100}$, charges \$35.$\frac{81}{100}$, and net value \$13,899.$\frac{47}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 23, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Herewith, in answer to your communications of September 19, 1887 and November 27, 1888, I transmit copy of opinion of Acting Solicitor of the Treasury upon claim of A. B. Taylor to strip of eighteen inches of land occupied by the Assay Office at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

January 23rd, 1889.

Hon. C. W. Fremantle, C. B.,
Deputy Master, Royal Mint,
London England.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day, in separate covers, four copies of my report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, one bound and three paper covers.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 23rd, 1889.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28, Rue Saint Georges.
Paris, France.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day, in separate cover, a bound copy of my report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 23rd, 1889

Dr. Adolf Soetbeer,
Gottingen, Germany.

Sir:

I send you by mail today in separate packages, two reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, one bound and one paper cover.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 24th, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Collector of Customs at Corpus Christi, Tex., be instructed to forward monthly to this Bureau a statement showing the imports of Gold and Silver bullion, especially through the port of Laredo, similar to the statements furnished by your direction by the Collectors at El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Nogales. It is especially desired that the statements should show the names of the consignees of Silver ores and bullion from Mexico.

I would further request that the same Collector be instructed to furnish at his earliest convenience a statement covering the importation of Mexican silver during the calendar year 1888. This statement will be needed early next month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

(Form enclosed)

January 24, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer-in-charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

By current mail I return your Register of Deposits for quarter ended 31st ultimo.

The columns of ounces have not been footed, nor is there a recapitulation by months. Your official signature is also omitted.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Philadelphia Mint receipted in duplicate for two second hand porcelain refining pots, shipped your mint on the 18th instant.

Upon receipt hereof you will forward the Superintendent of the Mint the sum of $30.– which should be paid from your appropriation for parting and refining.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 24, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending December 31, 1888 with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

January 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir.

Answering yours of the 23d instant, it is only necessary to except from your usual course of procedure with special-assay coins such as may for any reason be found defective.
I have telegraphed the Mint at San Francisco in regard to the dime of delivery number 63 December 10, reported by you .18 grain above limit for weight.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd instant returning your account receipted in duplicate for porcelain pots shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson has been received and I have transmitted the same to the Superintendent of that Mint with instructions to forward you $30.–. When this sum is received you will deposit it in the Treasury as proceeds of sale of old material, forwarding certificate of deposit to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a duplicate of form 193 of Silver Bullion Purchases and of Coinage for the Standard Silver Dollar for the month of December, 1888.

Respectfully yours,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1889.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco.

Confirmed.

Examine delivery of dimes number sixty-three, December tenth; one found eighteen hundredths of a grain above limit.

Jas. P. Kimball

Director, Mint.

January 25, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-five Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-four $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars, (\$45,554 $\frac{88}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{81}{100}$ (\$466 $\frac{81}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-six Thousand and Twenty-one $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars, (\$46,021 $\frac{69}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States

Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum dated Jan'y 22, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 25, 1889.

Hon. I. H. Maynard,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 24th instant (J. G. M.), I have the honor to state that, prima facie, the sample of ore referred to me for assay, as from the Omaha-Grant Mining Company of Mexico, is not sufficiently rich in lead to raise a question as to whether it is subject to duty. Its characteristics are distinctly those of a silver ore beyond any question.

If this decision is regarded authoritative no assay will be necessary, and the sample is therefore herewith returned.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 25, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices, at Boisé, Charlotte & St. Louis for the month ending December 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Jany. 25, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month ending December 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

2 Similar letters, addressed to:

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 25th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Will you please forward a statement of the "Assets and Liabilities" of your institution at the close of business Dec. 31, 1888, similar to that published on pages 276-277 of my report on the production of the precious metals, 1887.

The statement is needed at once.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter sent to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Jany 25, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Jany. 12, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 19, dated Jany. 18, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $46,139.$\frac{39}{100}$ charges $117.$\frac{70}{100}$, and net value $46,021.$\frac{69}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 25, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

4 Registers of Gold, and Silver Bullion Deposited.
(Form No. 188.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany 25th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,	50,000 Ounces, at $0.9350
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at $0.9350

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 25, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

It seems to me important to call your attention to the practice at your institution on the part of the melter and refiner with the cooperation of the weigh clerk, of making deductions on deposits in excess of requirements, as shown by the large surplusage in both gold and silver habitually returned by the melter and refiner at the end of the year. Surplusage of gold and silver during the fiscal year 1888 illustrates the practice here referred to. I am not aware how such a practice can have obtained, except, perhaps, by commendation on the part of the Director of the Mint in at least one similar instance. I now understand the melter and refiner claims that unless the volume of silver purchases be large he will be unable to refine unparted deposits without an operative loss. This loss is provided for by law, and is a matter of concern only when beyond bona fide limits within legal limits.

The objections of the melter and refiner to the use of fine silver in place of unparted silver, when this is not on hand, for granulating purposes, as at the Assay Office at New York, consist of the omission from his accounts of a large volume of silver on which to reckon the ratio of operative loss. When this officer shall have shown that he has incurred an operative loss which, in ratio to the amount of silver actually operated upon, appears to be within a dangerous limit as compared with the legal allowance, it will be time to consider the practical question of buying silver for the protection of his account.

There seems to me no objection to considering refined silver taken for granulating the same as new deposits, the amount of operative loss being taken in ratio to the aggregate of silver granulated. I do not consider that "deliveries" have anything to do with the determination of bona fide wastage, as you will see by what has been said on this subject in my last Report.
Considerations entirely personal to the melter and refiner must not be suffered to prevail against the regular course of business as prescribed by law, and the Regulations.

If the labor in the acid refinery as at present constituted is above its daily requirements, you will please take immediate steps to reduce it accordingly.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

For P.S. to this letter see page 335

January 25, 1889.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis.

Sir:

The Register of Deposits forwarded by you for the quarter ended 31st ultimo has been received, and shows but one incorrect classification according to fineness of a silver deposit as a deposit of gold bullion, namely:

over

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Receipt No. 206, fineness, gold .196, Silver .4745; standard weight, gold 5.699 ounces, Silver 13.73 ounces. Hereafter please add the columns of ounces by months and recapitulate the monthly totals.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany 25, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.,
New York.

Jany 25, 1889

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at ninety-three and half cents, per ounce fine, accepted for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram ✓

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, New York.

See receipt [illegible] for telegram.

P.S. to letter on page 332 to Supt. San Francisco, omitted by mistake

P.S. From the figures stated in the Fiscal Report (p. 46) you will observe that about twelve per cent. of silver was used over at the Assay Office at New York, where there was a surplus of .019 per cent., against .026 per cent. at the institution under your charge.

It will be well to consider that if it were intended by law that a tax should be levied upon depositors and sellers of bullion for the benefit of the melter and refiner, to protect him against liability to loss in excess of his legal allowance, it would be explicitly so provided.

Telegram

Confirmed

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Jany 25, 1889.

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street, N.Y.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and half cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 26, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Israel Lawton, Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, the sum of Two Thousand, Twenty Nine and $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($2,029.^{68}) on account of profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 26th, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson City Nev.

Prepare and forward at once a statement showing the amount paid from silver profits each fiscal year from March first eighteen seventy-eight to June thirtieth eighteen eighty-five to express companies for transportation of silver coin.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram Confirmed

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

January 26th, 1889

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prepare and forward at once a statement showing the amount paid from silver profits each fiscal year from March first eighteen seventy-eight to June thirtieth eighteen eighty-five to express companies for transportation of silver coin.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $2,029.68 to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

You will coin the balance of trade dollar bullion on hand into dimes as close as possible and after you have done this, report to this Bureau the ballance of such bullion, if any and further instructions will be given you as to its proper disposal.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jany. 26, 1889.

Joseph Magoffin, Esq.,
Collector,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Please forward your statement of Importation of Ore Bullion and Coin into the District of Paso del Norte for month December, 1888.

Your statement for the calendar year 1888 has been received but not the statement for December 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find bills for subscription, for the fiscal year 1886, of the Avant-Courier and Dillon Tribune. The bills of these papers for the years 1887 and 1888 have been approved and referred for payment. I also return bill of the River Press for the years 1886, 1887 & 1888 which I will thank you to have changed to cover the years 1887 & 1888 and return without delay.

Bills for newspapers previous to two years back cannot be paid without special deficiency appropriations, hard to obtain, and cannot be asked for without straining what I consider my official duty, the neglect being either upon your part or that of the newspapers in all these instances.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 28, 1889.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending, December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

January 28th 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report Assayer N. Y. Assay Office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 28th, 1889.

U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1244 for $15.00, being on account of Deposit Room grains inclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1245 for $79.27 + + + charges for melting, assaying and stamping + + +

C. D. No. 1246 for $54.18 + + + + gain on bullion shipped the Mint. + + + + +

C. D. No. 1247 for $4.00 + + + + assays of bullion + +

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no personal credit to be given you in your accounts

January 28, 1889.

U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

January 28th, 1889.

William F. Switzler, Esq.,
Chief of Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I beg to thank you for your favor of the 25th instant enclosing a statement by months of the imports and exports of gold and silver bullion during the calendar year 1888, and also of gold and silver ores. Also for the statement of the quantities and values of the domestic copper ores exported from the United States during the calendar year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1889.

Joseph Magoffin, Esq.,
Collector, El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

Your statement of Importation of Gold and Silver bullion and Coin into the District of Paso del Norte during month of December 1888 has been received at this Bureau to-day.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 28th, 1889.

The Homans Publishing Company,
251 Broadway
New York.

Gentlemen:

You will please furnish for the use of this Bureau "The Bankers' Almanac and Register and Legal Directory" for the year 1889.

Please forward the January edition at once.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 28th, 1889.

Dr. Adolf Soetbeer,
University of Gottingen,
Gottingen, Germany.

Sir:

The Bureau has not yet received a copy of your "Materialien", 3rd edition, which was promised for last September. Will you be kind enough to forward two or three copies to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Jany 29, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars, (\$6,125.$\frac{21}{100}$) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Six $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars (\$106.$\frac{21}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars (\$6,231.$\frac{42}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Jany 26th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 29, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the Quarter ending September 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jany. 29, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé, Idaho

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Jany. 26, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 24 dated Jany. 19, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$6,248.\frac{80}{100}$, charges $\$17.\frac{38}{100}$, and net value $\$6,231.\frac{42}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 29th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Ida.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd instant enclosing a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, as well as the original returned, and also enclosing certain correspondence relative to a disallowance of 30 cents in your ordinary expenses accounts in the quarter named, you are informed that the disallowance of 30 cents has been removed and your statement approved as originally rendered.

The corrected statement enclosed in your communication is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 29, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant in regard to the cleaning of the three privy vaults of your Mint, authority is granted you to have the work done without delay.

Work of this kind should be regarded as an exigency and done at once without waiting for the approval of this Bureau.

The notice of the Health department is herewith returned for file with the voucher for the work.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Jan'y 29th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report assayer N.Y. assay office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of December, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

January 29, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1888 with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 29, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Gold Receipt books.
" Silver " "

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 29th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the statement of United States coins covered by transfer orders metted at your mint during the calendar year 1888 you have "dollars" 31,132.
Will you please inform the Bureau whether the dollars refered to are standard silver dollars, and if so whether they were of a coinage prior to 1873 or whether they bore date since the passage of the act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

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Telegram
Confirmed

Jany 29, 1889

American Exchange Nat'l Bank,
New York

Your offer declined

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

January 30th. 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Among the refineries preparing fine bars of gold and silver enumerated by you was the Melrose S.& R. Co. of San Francisco. A communication addressed to this firm from this Bureau has not been answered, and a report mailed them to the address indicated has been returned.

It seems to me that the Bureau had difficulty in reaching this refinery, in previous years.

Will you please give me their exact address, and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1889.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 30th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, is herewith returned for correction.

The amount of your parting and refining expenses according to your monthly accounts as rendered was $19,640.64. You have taken up this expenditure as $19,640.72.

Please return this statement in order to avoid the necessity of re-verifying the other entries.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 30th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th instant enclosing a statement of the amount paid express companies for transportation of silver coin each fiscal year from the passage of the Act authorizing the coinage of the silver dollar, February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 30th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd instant relative to the manner of entering certain charges on the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts, you are hereby informed that the method employed in entering the charges on deposits 71 - 79 should be discontinued and the same method employed as is used in other deposits.

It is not important what portion of the charges was levied on gold and what portion on silver, and it is confusing without being of any value.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

January 31, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars ($11,283.$\frac{94}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty-four $\frac{82}{100}$ Dollars ($154.$\frac{82}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and

Thirty-eight $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars, ($11,438 $\frac{76}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Jan'y 28, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 31, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Jan'y 31, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 31, 1887.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Union Pacific (Utah and Northern) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of May, 1888, from Ogden, Utah to Pocatello of one crate of Tinware amounting to 64¢, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1888. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, to same address, with exceptions here noted:

" " " " " " "
" Union Pacific, (Oregon Short Line) " " "
" " " " " " May, 1888, from
Pocatello to Nampa " " " " 96¢
" " " " " " " "

" " " " " " " "
" Union Pacific (Idaho Central) " " "
" " " " " Months of May & July,
1888, from Nampa to Boise City, I. T. of Mint Supplies,
amounting to $1.71 " " "
" " appropriations for Wages and Contingent
Expenses of your Office as follows:

Appropriation for	1888	$ .25
"	" 1889	1.46

Duplicate bills and B/L herewith.

over

One (1) Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Union Pacific (Kansas Division)
May, 1888,
from Kansas City to Denver Colo, of two cases of Stationery
$9.38
Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate B/L herewith

Four (4) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Northern Pacific Months of May & June, 1888,
from New York to Helena, Mon. of Mint Supplies
$14.73 Contingent Expenses of
your Office, fiscal year 1888. Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Baltimore and Ohio June, 1888,
from Washington to Chicago of two cases stationery,
$1.74 Contingent expenses
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Chicago and North Western June,
1888, from Chicago to St. Paul of Machinery,
$6.40 Contingent Expenses
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Chicago Rock Island and Pacific
September 1887, from Chicago to Council Bluffs,
of one box Lead 51¢ contingent expenses
Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

January 31, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury, for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Months of Nov. 1887 & Feby. 1888, from Chicago Ills. to Council Bluffs of one box Scales and two packages of stationery, amounting to $1.61 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1888. Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 31st 1889.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany. 31, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Jany 28, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 80, dated Jany 26, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$11{,}468\frac{11}{100}$, charges $\$29.\frac{25}{100}$, and net value $\$11{,}438\frac{76}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

January 31st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

According to your monthly and annual statement of deposits and purchases (Form No. 60) covering the calendar year 1888, the standard weight of the United States silver coins deposited at your institution, exclusive of trade dollars, was 386,775.59 ounces, of the value in standard silver dollars, of $450.066, or in subsidiary silver, of $481,150.34.

According to the statement rendered by you showing by denomination of pieces the coin covered by transfer orders melted at your Mint during the year, the value of the silver coin was $488,874.32 including $31,932 in "Dollars";

in regard to which you have been written.

I will thank you to reconcile this statement of the coin transferred and melted with the figures contained in your annual and monthly statements of deposits and purchases.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I.T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Main Line) Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of July, 1888, from Council Bluffs to Granger, Wyoming, of Mint supplies, amounting to $9.38, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for wages and Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1889.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Three (3) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +

+ Union Pacific (Oregon Short line) + + +

+ + + + from Granger to Nampa, I.T.,

+ + + $7.06 + + +

+ + + + + + +

+ + + + + + +

+ Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg + + + +

+ + + + October, 1888, +

Richmond Ind. to Chicago Ills. of one Desk and File case + +

$1.98 + + Duplicate bill and B/L herewith +

+ + + + + + +

+ + + + + + + + +
+ Idaho Central + + + + + November
1888, from Nampa to Boisé City + + + +
+ + $1.20 + + + + + + +
+ + + + Duplicate bill and B/L herewith +
+ + + + + + + + + + +

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + + + +
Star Union Line, Pennsylvania + + + +
+ August, 1888, from Washington to Chicago, of
2 cases stationery + + $3.90 + + +
+ + + Contingent expenses of your
mint, fiscal year 1889. Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.
+ + + + + + +

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + + +
+ Star Union Line, Pennsylvania + +
+ + + July, 1888, from
Washington to Chicago, Ills. of 12 cases stationery
and 3 bundles wrapping paper + + $16.90
+ + + + Contingent
expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1889.
Duplicate B/L herewith.
+ + + + + + +

February 1, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following telegram from Superintendent Lawton, of the Mint at San Francisco; "Have carefully weighed, separately, twenty thousand quarters and find but one piece outside limit of tolerance. Will proceed with examinations as rapidly as possible."

It would seem as if the aberration of weight in the piece reported was an occurrence occasionally unavoidable in unadjusted coin, and, as shown, not characteristic of any considerable proportion.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby 1st, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co., 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9340
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 60,000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

over

+ + + + + + + + +

Handy & Harman	300,000 Ounces	at $0.9340
Nesslage Colgate & Co.	150,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340
Fourth National Bank,	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9325

+ + + + + + + +

February 1st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Hereafter, in cases of transfer of silver coin for re-coinage, if any silver dollars are included I will thank you to have them examined as to date of coinage, that is, whether they were coined prior to the passage of the act of February 28, 1878 or since that date, for the reason that silver dollars coined prior to 1878 are not included in the estimated stock of silver dollars in the United States as set forth in the reports of this Bureau while silver dollars coined since that date are.

It is therefore important to know how many silver dollars coined since 1878 are melted for re-coinage at the mints.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Assay Commissioners of 1889, ex-officio and designated by the President, are as follows:

Judge William Butler, Philadelphia
The Comptroller of the Currency, Washington

Herbert G. Torrey,	New York City
Senator D. W. Voorhees,	Washington
Representative Charles Tracey,	Washington
C. A. Boutelle,	Washington
A. J. Bowie,	San Francisco
Francis M. Burdick,	Ithaca, N. Y.
George H. Cook,	New Brunswick, N. J.
Edward Hall	Lyon Mountain, N. Y.
E. N. Horsford,	Cambridge, Mass
Charles J. Leeds,	New Orleans
Henry Leffmann,	Philadelphia
Henry Morton,	Hoboken, N. J.
George C. Munson,	Denver
J. S. Newberry,	New York City
William H. Pettee,	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Robert H. Richards,	Boston
Robert P. Waring,	Charlotte, N. C.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1889.

The Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Assay Commission, of which you are by law (Section 3547 Revised Statutes) an ex-officio member, will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia Wednesday February 13, at ten o'clock a. m. Your necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia and during the session of the Commission, will be reimbursed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1889.

Mr. Herbert G. Torrey,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

The Assay Commission, of which you are by law (Section 3547 Revised Statutes) an ex-officio member, will meet at the Mint at Philadelphia Wednesday February 13, at ten o'clock a. m.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
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Similar letter addressed to:

Hon. William Butler,
U. S. District Judge,
Philadelphia.

February 1st, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Feby 1st 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram Confirmed

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Feby. 1st, 1889,

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram Confirmed.

Nesslage Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street,
New York.

Feby 2, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 2, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 2, 1889

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I.T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Sou. Pac. Co.) Railway Co., for the Transportation in the month of May, 1888, from San Francisco to Ogden Utah, of One case of Tinware, amounting to 45¢, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent

expenses of your Office fiscal year 1888.
Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 2, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Sou. Pac. Co.) Railway Co., for the transportation in the months of January & February, 1888, from San Francisco to Reno & return of empty tanks of Mint Supplies amounting to $71.46, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint 1888, $33.03 and from Parting and Refining bullion $38.43. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + +
+ + + + + March, 1888, from
Ogden to Reno of two car loads of coal, amounting to $245.40,
+ + + Contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal
year 1888. Duplicate B/L herewith. + +
+ + + + + +

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

+ + + + + + +
+ + + February, 1888, from Ogden, Utah
to San Francisco of Two Packages of Stationery;

amounting to $5.46, + + + + + Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1888, Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

+ + + + + + +

February 2nd, 1889.

Telegram

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Statement requested by telegraph twenty sixth ultimo not received. If it will not reach here Monday telegraph figures by fiscal years.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letter from the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, addressed you transmitting shipment No. 25, of Gold bullion. I presume the letter that should have come to this Bureau has gone to your Mint. If such be the case, please forward it with the invoice enclosed therein.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1889

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 4, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6 order books.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Feby. 4, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to ninety three and one quarter cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

February 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 11th ultimo in which you were kind enough to compile an estimate of the amount of silver and gold in copper matte and copper ore exported from the United States during the calendar year 1888, I would say that the amount of gold, 123.62 ounces, seems small, especially as compared with the estimates of previous years for the same item.

The gold that you report was all contained in one class of copper matte shipped by Abbott & Co.

It would seem as if some gold must have been contained in the very rich ores valued by you at $1,052.63 per ton of precious metals, shipped by "Sundry persons", and probably in some of the other groups of ores mentioned in your letter.

May I trouble you to make further inquiries in regard to the gold contained in these ores, and let me know what you have learned on the subject at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces at your Mint will be 93¼ cents, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

(For letter to Miss Clara Marco, See next page)

February 4, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Assayer's Reports on Silver Deposits.
500 Statements "C" Coinage operations.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 4th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your statement of the approximate value of foreign coins deposited and melted at your Mint during the calendar year 1888 is herewith returned for correction, the total being a million dollars more than the sum of the items.

Please return a corrected statement at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Daniel M. Fox, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($550,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

February 5th, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement showing the amount paid from the silver profit fund of the coinage mints to express and railroad companies each fiscal year since the passage of the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, February 28, 1878, for transportation of silver coin.

Respectfully yours.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1889.

Miss Clara Marco,
Bellevue, Sarpy Co., Nebr.

Miss Marco:

Your letter and enclosure of part of what appears to have been paper money, have been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States, who will communicate with you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 29th ultimo forwarding a statement of the amount paid for the transportation of silver coin from the passage of the act of February 28, 1878 to June 30, 1885 from your silver profit fund, requested in my telegram of the 26th ultimo, was received this morning.

The expenses from March 1st to June 30th, 1878, a period of four months, given as $27,807.27, seemed so large that I sent for Mr. Crawford's bullion accounts covering the period in question, and found that the expenses were only $15,500, namely $6,112.50 in the quarter ended March 31st, and $9,387.50 in the quarter ended June 30th.

This large discrepancy throws discredit on the entire statement, but as the Secretary was waiting for the information [yours being the last to reach the Bureau] I allowed the figures for the other years to stand as rendered by you.

It is a matter of considerable trouble and annoyance to this Bureau that so little pains seem to be taken at your institution to see that statements required by the Department are correct in all particulars before they are forwarded. It is especially important on account of the remoteness of your institution and the delay in communicating with you that the greatest accuracy should be observed in the preparation of all statements and accounts forwarded to this Bureau, and I desire to impress upon you the importance of having all statements and accounts rendered to this Bureau carefully checked and examined by some responsible person before they leave your institution.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find an annual statement of expenditures of your Mint for the calendar year 1888. This statement should embrace only the six months ending Dec. 31, 1888, and the annual statement should cover the expenditures of the fiscal year.

As new blank forms will be sent you in a few days you can postpone making up the new statement, for six months, until they reach you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100 000 Ounces, at $0.9330

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, with exceptions here noted, sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.	80,000 Ounces,	at $0.9330
Fourth National Bank	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9330
Handy & Harman,	100,000 Ounces,	at $0.9330

February 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $550,000.00 to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for Official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Statements of Condition of Accounts. (Form No. 135)

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 5, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Febry 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report of assayer N. Y. assay office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts, and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 5th, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and three tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 5, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau St., New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

February 5th, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 6, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars, (\$17,824 $\frac{45}{100}$.) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Twenty seven $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars (\$327 $\frac{67}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighteen Thousand

One Hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars, (\$18,152.$\frac{12}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion, deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby 6, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby. 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 25 dated Jany 26, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$18,200.$\frac{75}{100}$, charges \$48.$\frac{63}{100}$, and net value \$18,152.$\frac{12}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

The copy of letter from the First Comptroller's Office, enclosed with your letter of inquiry of the 30th ultimo, shows that your statement of earnings and expenditures as originally rendered was correct that consequently is the proper one to file with your retained papers.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

February 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Sou. Pac. Co.) Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of April, 1888, from San Francisco to Reno, Nev. of Mint Supplies, amounting to $158.04, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1888, $113.39 and from Parting and Refining Bullion $44.65. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

(2) Two Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + + + + + +
+ + + + Months of May & June, 1888,
+ + + + + + + +
+ $279.30, + + + + +
+ appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.
Duplicate B/L herewith. + + + +
+ + + + + + + +

+ + + + + + + +
+ + + June, 1888, + + +
+ + $237.89 + + + appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint 1888, $14.89 Parting

and Refining bullion $223.00. Duplicate B/L herewith.

February 6, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $513.90, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$213.90
Wages of Workmen,	1889, }	
Contingent Expenses,	1889, }	300.00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

$2300.00

Salaries,	1889,	$1000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1100
Contingent expenses,	1889,	200
		$2300.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

$5,600.00

Salaries,	1889,	$3,000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1,800
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800
		$5,600.

over

(See letter, preceding page)

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

$2000.00

Salaries,	1889,	$700
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	300
		$2,000.–

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$472.20

Salaries,	1889,	$272.20
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	
		$472.20

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$19,500.00

Support of your Mint

Salaries,	1889,	$3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	16,000.
		$19,500.

February 6th, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I return herewith certificate of gold deposit No. 696

belonging to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1888, the value of the deposit, differing in words from the value represented by the figures.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Coin one million standard silver dollars in February.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

February 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + + + +
+ + $5,000. + + + + +
+ + + + + + + +

February 6th, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Thomas Price reports one hundred and one thousand ounces of gold deposited at your mint last year, produced in California. Was it entered as refined or unrefined in your statement of deposits?

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6th 1889.

Genl. Geo. B. Williams
#1711 Rhode Island Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The following described bills of the Central Pacific railroad (Southern Pacific Company) have been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement:

Jany & Feby. 1888	Supplies to and from Carson	$71.46
March 1888	Coal from Ogden to Reno	245.40
February, 1888	Stationery Ogden to San Francisco	5.46
May 1888	Case of Tinware for Boisé	.45
April 1888	Supplies San Francisco to Reno	158.40
June 1888	" " "	237.89
May & June 1888	" " "	279.30

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 6th 1889

The Postmaster,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:

Three communications have been addressed by this Bureau within the last month to L. Lelong & Bro., Corner Baker and Marshall Sts. Will you please inform me whether these letters have been delivered or remain in your office.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 6th, 1889.

The Postmaster,
Providence, R. I.

Sir:

Three communications have been addressed by this Bureau within the last month to Otis Brothers, 61 Dorrance Street. Will you please inform me whether these letters have been delivered or remain in your office.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 7, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars, (\$21,981.$\frac{31}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty-eight $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars (\$258$\frac{03}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars, (\$22,239.$\frac{34}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated Feb'y 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

February 7, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith eighteen (18) gold and five (5) silver life saving medals struck in compliance with your request of the 11th ultimo.

I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the same amounting to $884.20 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Quarter ending September 30th, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1888, have been examined in this Bureau, approved and forwarded to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for settlement.

A portion of your accounts forwarded to the accounting Officers are signed by yourself as Superintendent, and a portion by W. R. Davis as acting Superintendent although all of the accounts bear date of September 30, 1888.

This happened by your returning a portion of the accounts sent you for correction re-stated and signed by the acting Superintendent and the original accounts as originally forwarded.

This should not have happened, but rather than return the accounts so long a distance and as there has already been considerable delay in their examination, I thought it best to let them go forward.

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1888, have not been received at this Bureau. You will please forward them at once.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book of Receipts for Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball

Feby. 7, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 20 dated Jany 31, 1889, has been received, and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $22,296 $\frac{52}{100}$, charges $57.$\frac{18}{100}$, and net value $22,239 $\frac{34}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 7th, 1889

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Certificate of gold deposit No. 846 belonging to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1888, is herewith returned for correction. The value of the deposit enumerated in words is different from the value expressed in figures.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

No gold dollars, three-dollar pieces or three-cent pieces will be struck this year, for proofs or for any other purpose, until orders are received from this Bureau. Dies will not be prepared for these denominations in advance of the receipt of instructions to coin.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Adams Express Co. receipted in duplicate by G. W. Moss, Agent in this city, for transportation of stationery to your mint in December last, amounting to $1.25 and which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7th, 1889.

Charles F. Macdonald, Esq.,
Supt. Money Order System,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 6th instant asking this Bureau to estimate the value of the standard coin of New Foundland as compared with that of the United States, I would say that from the best information in the possession of this Bureau, the two dollar gold piece of New Foundland [the only gold coin known to have been struck for that country] weighs 3,328 grams, and is of British standard, .916⅔.

According to the weight and fineness of this piece the gold dollar of New Foundland is worth intrinsically in United States gold coin $1.01,4.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1889.

Mr. Will. L. Welch,
Massachusetts National Bank,
Boston Mass.

Sir:

Your inquiry of the 5th instant is received. The coinage of dollar gold pieces during the calendar year 1888 amounted to 16,080, and is distributed to Banks as far as the supply admits. Applications from banks should be made to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby 8th, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money; and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 8th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month. I am anxious to draw as lightly upon this appropriation as possible, you will therefore please make your requisitions for such amounts, only, as are necessary to pay wages of workmen.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

February 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $10200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889,	$2700
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	5000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2500

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Salaries,	1889,	$4000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	25000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	5000

Feby. 8th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy, & Harman,	75000 Ounces,	at $0.9330
Fourth National Bank,	60000 Ounces,	at $0.9330

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1500.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of $10,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet, in part, the expenses of that coinage at your mint, during the current month.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Telegram Confirmed.

Feby. 8, 1889.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety three and three tenth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 8, 1889.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Confirmed

Feby. 8, 1889.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar telegram sent to:

Telegram Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

February 9, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 9th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending January 31, 1889 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

over

25 Tabulated Statements of Expenditures.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

February 9, 1889.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $7000.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$1800.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	3200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2000.00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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February 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Stand. Sil. Doll. Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby 9, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing one of the 31st ultimo from the Melter and refiner. Without a statement of actual losses and gains previous to clean-up I am not prepared to judge of the validity of the claim set up in that enclosure.

I may say, however, that if it is ascertained.

to be a fact that the acid refinery cannot run without special purchases of silver, in order not to create an undue wastage of silver, the alternative will naturally suggest itself to suspend the acid refinery as an impracticability in your city under the present melter and refiner, or else to ascertain why the melter and refiner at your mint cannot operate without excessive loss for want of special purchases of silver for the benefit of his account.

At this late period, and so near the approach of a new administration of the Treasury Department, whose policy with regard to purchases of silver at San Francisco may be very different from that now prevailing, I am not disposed to take any new action upon the question of silver purchases at the present time.

The probability is that the wastage reported by the melter and refiner is only "apparent". For instance, last year, according to his monthly statements, his "legal allowance" for wastage of silver was 7,692.74 ounces, the "apparent" wastage 4,084.50 ounces, but the "surplus" at settlement 1,216 ounces.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1889.

To The
Board of Assay Commissioners of 1889.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that there was one change in the personnel of the executive offices of the United States mints executing coinage during the calendar year 1888, viz: David K. Tuttle, melter and refiner of the mint at Philadelphia, March 29, vice James C. Booth, who died March 21.

Coinage continued suspended throughout the year at the Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 11, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and One 86/100 Dollars, ($14,101.86/100,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Eighty-seven 45/100 Dollars ($287 45/100,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-nine 31/100 Dollars, ($14,389.31/100,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated February 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 11, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 11, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 "Assayer's report on Gold bullion." (Form No. 39 d.)
1000 "Assayer's Memorandum of Gold bullion deposited" (Form No. 42 d.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

February 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Certificates of Gold deposits. (Form No. 4 c.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feb'y. 11, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feb'y 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 31 dated Jan'y 31, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,425 86/100, charges $36 55/100, and net value $14,389 31/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

February 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Desiring to find, if possible, some definite explanation for discrepancies in statements of coinage executed during certain years by United States Mints, as shown by comparing printed reports with subsequent coinage compilations, more or less authentic, I have authorized the Secretary of the Assay Commission to remain in Philadelphia, after the Assay Commission adjourns, and to examine the old records stored at the Post-Office Building and elsewhere under your charge, for the purpose herein stated.

His account for hotel expenses will be included in voucher for expenses while attending the meeting of the Assay Commission, and paid by you from the same appropriation.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby 11, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, ($25000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at St. Louis.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 11, 1889.

Telegram
Confirmed

B. Westermann & Co.
838 Broadway,
New York.

French "Bulletin" received complimentary. Need not order it.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Feby. 12, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, at New York.

Very respectfully,

Feby 12, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I.T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of February 1889 has been approved for the sum of $810.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 250.00
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	560.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 12, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Certificates of Silver Deposits (Form No. 5 c)

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 12, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Act[illegible] Director.

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Feby. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

February 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank,	75,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	40,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
American Exchange National Bank,	100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1 Book Receipts and Deliveries of Silver Bullion and Coin.
1 " " " Expenditures.
4 Books, Registers of Deposits. (Form No. 188a.)
4 " Melter and Refiner's Silver bullion. (Form No. 183)

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange Nat.l Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Feby. 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street, New York.

Feby. 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank,	75,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
J. W. Seligman & Co.	40,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
American Exchange National Bank,	100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street, New York.

February 13, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eight $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars, (\$4,608.$\frac{40}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and Sixty $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars (\$60$\frac{43}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a Total of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-eight $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars, (\$4,668.$\frac{83}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby 9, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 13, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby 9, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 26, dated Jany 31, 1889, has been received and examined, at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$4681.$\frac{30}{100}$, charges \$12.$\frac{47}{100}$, and net value \$4,668.$\frac{83}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 13th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $255.80, for the manufacture of ten pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies, for the use of your Mint, payable from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, as follows:

On account of Wages of Workmen	$245.60
" " " Contingent Expenses	10.20

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bill amounting to $255.80, for the manufacture of ten pairs of standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint:

Wages of Workmen, 1889,	$245.60
Contingent Expenses, 1889,	10.20

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston Acting Director.

February 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith medal fund vouchers receipted in duplicate for eighteen (18) gold and five (5) Silver life saving medals, forwarded by you on the 6th instant.

I also enclose letter from the Superintendent of the Life Saving Service, transmitting check on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in your favor, for $884.20 in payment for the medals.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending January 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City
N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 14, 1889.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending December 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending January 31, 1889.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 15, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Statements of Deposits and Purchases (Month) (Form No. 60)
12 " " " " " (Fiscal Year) " " "
12 " " " " " (Calendar ") " " "
50 " " Domestic Production (Month) " " 61
12 " " " " (Fiscal year) " " "
12 " " " " (Calendar ") " " "
50 " " Bars manufactured (Month) " " 61½
12 " " " " (Fiscal year) " " "
10 Requisitions for Stationery.
30 Certificates for Vouchers (Form No. 264)
30 " " " (" " 265)

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

25 Statements of Silver Bullion Purchased, Transferred and coined (Form No. 193)
24 Abstracts of Petty Expenses (Form No. 53 B)
60 Abstracts of Disbursements (Form No. 53 A)
36 Accounts Current (Form No. 54)
30 Officers and Clerk's Pay-Rolls (Form No. 47)
72 Employés Pay Rolls (Form No. 48)
500 Bullion Balances, Receipts and Deliveries (Form No. 219)

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 15th 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company 140,000 Ounces, at $0.9350

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	60,000 Ounces,	at $0.9345
Handy & Harman	300,000 Ounces,	at $0.9345

February 15, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at ninety-three and half cent per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 15, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar Telegram sent to:

Handy & Harman.
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

February 16, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1889

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

The following blank books for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

24 Books Assayers Clips.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

February 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
250 Statements showing Silver Purchases made at the Treasury Dept. (Form No. 233)

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 16, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank book for official use has been mailed you this day, viz:
1 Book Cashier's Blotter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 18th, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is my duty to state that the assayer of this Bureau, W. P. Lawver, has been unable to attend to the duties of his office for several months, and since early in December has been confined on account of acute mental and physical disability which renders him unfit to longer hold so responsible an office.

It therefore becomes my further duty to recommend for the consideration of the Department his dismissal from the service.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Gabriel Montegut Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars ($305,000.–) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the Month ending January 31st 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Doll. Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Month ending January 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See note, recommending disallowance, on abstract.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boisé City I.T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you in December 1888, amounting to $19.36 payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent expenses of your Office fiscal year 1889. Duplicate invoice herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

+ + + + + + + +
+ + in January, 1889, + + $14.34 +
+ + + + + + + +

Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+ + + + + + +
+ + in January 1889, + + $72.83 +
+ + appropriation for Contingent expenses
+ + + + + + +

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + + + + +
+ + in January, 1889, + $80.99 + appropriation
for Contingent expenses of your Mint + +
+ + + + + + + +

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 18, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith receipted in duplicate, the account of the Adams Express Company for transportation of 4,000,000 silver dollars from your mint to the Treasury of the United States at Washington, amounting to $9,200, which sum is payable from your silver profit fund.

I will thank you, upon receipt hereof, to remit your draft in favor of the Adams Express Company for this amount on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, under cover to this Bureau for delivery to the Agent of the Company in this city.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $305,000.— to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense accounts for the month of January 1889, except Voucher #259, Ordinary account, bill for Brimstone, which is charged ½¢ in excess of the contract rate, i.e, at 3½¢ instead of 3¢, per pound. The difference of $2.10 has been recommended to be disallowed.

While all the other expenditures have been approved by me, it is by no means certain that Voucher #214 of the same account will be passed by the accounting Officers by reason of its seeming extravagance.

It would seem that a cast iron or stone fender, which might have been put in place at little cost, would have been a sufficient protection to the entrance of a coal vault, instead of using steel plate for the purpose and paying $88.42 for labor &c. to bend it into proper shape.

Any betterment of building, involving such unusual cost should have been done by contract approved by this Bureau, as required by the regulations, before the expenditure was incurred.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Feby 19, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the Sum of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars ($13,113.$\frac{84}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Ninety-three $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($93.$\frac{91}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seven $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars, ($13,207.$\frac{75}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated February 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 19, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Statements of Checks drawn on Ass't. Treasurers (Form No. 26(E))

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director.

Febry 19, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby 2, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated January 31, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$13,241.04 Charges $\$33^{29}$, and net value $\$13,207.^{75}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Febry 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery

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at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9370.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant enclosing Memorandum No. 3, of gold bullion received at your mint and at the Assay Office at Charlotte, (See footnote) x I would say, that inasmuch as every care has been taken by the Assayer at your Mint to locate the error, if any in the assay, and none having been found, I do not deem it necessary to have clippings sent to any other Mint or assay office for re-assay, and will therefore ask that a transfer of the amount be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte to your Mint upon the Memorandum forwarded by you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Note - (inadvertently omitted) + and calling attention to a discrepancy of $63.38 in the value of the gold as ascertained at your Mint and at the Assay Office at Charlotte,

February 19, 1889.

To the
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Friday the 22nd instant being a legal holiday, offers for the sale of Silver will be received and considered on Thursday, the 21st instant.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

Feby 19, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Your Offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and seven tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 19, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed.

American Exchange Nat'l Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
124, Nassau Street,
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29, Wall Street, New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11, Wall Street, New York.

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Feby. 20, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild;
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa., of the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,423.$\frac{69}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Ten $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars (\$210.$\frac{92}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-four $\frac{61}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,634.$\frac{61}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated February 16, 1889. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 20, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy three $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars, (\$24,573.$\frac{32}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Seven $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars (\$307.$\frac{42}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars, (\$24,880.$\frac{74}{100}$) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby 15, 1889. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 20, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby. 16, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 27 dated Feby 9, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$12,669.\frac{79}{100}$, charges $\$35.\frac{18}{100}$ and net value $\$12,634.\frac{61}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 20, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office.
Helena.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 15, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Feby. 9, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $\$24\ 943.\frac{89}{100}$, charges $\$63.\frac{15}{100}$, and net value $\$24880.\frac{74}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 20, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Friday the 22nd instant being a legal holiday, I will thank you to telegraph to this Bureau, Thursday the 21st instant, the rate of exchange.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 21, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars ($47,712 $\frac{11}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{53}{100}$ Dollars ($494.$\frac{53}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Six $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars, ($48,206.$\frac{64}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum dated February 18, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 21, 1889

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending January 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 21, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending January 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 21, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 21, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated Feby. 18 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 21 dated Feby 14, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $48,330.34/100, charges $23.70/100, and net value $48,206.64/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. I:

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 80,000 Ounces, at $0.9370

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary & Std Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval. Your attention is called to an error of 20¢ in the calculation of the extra pay of Simon Lee. Amount due him is $13.78, not $13.58.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Feby. 21st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy report of the Assayer N.Y. Assay Office upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of January 1889, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.
The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

February 21, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant you are hereby authorized to order from J. W. Wharton 50000 lbs. of one cent blanks under the contract with him for these blanks at $25 65/100 cents per pound.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 22, 1889.

Mr. R. W. Gilder
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of February 13th, I have to say that the medal referred to could be construed to come under the definition of medals of a national character as provided in Section 3551 Revised Statutes, which also provides for the preparation of dies. The mechanical reduction could be undertaken (by pentagraph) and a single set of dies prepared, or perhaps two sets of dies. As to the time it would require to make the reduction and prepare dies I am unable to give you a definite answer, as such work could not be allowed to interfere with the regular work of the Mint. Two hundred copies of the reduced medal, in bronze or silver, could be struck at such a cost for work and material as shall be considered to be in accord with the usual scale of prices for medals regularly struck at the Mint at Philadelphia.

With regard to the artistic or mechanical execution of the work no responsibility can be undertaken to satisfy the artist, and for this reason I am not sure that it would not be to your advantage to have the work done by a private establishment, so as to be more under control of Mr. St. Gaudens.

I may also remark that the personal equation of such work in this case, might be against the very best results, as the personal disposition of the engravers at the Mint does not seem to be in favor of doing justice to designs prepared outside. Nevertheless, if it is decided to entrust this work to the Mint at Philadelphia I will endeavor to see that it be as well done as practicable, without as I said before, assuming any responsibility for the character of its execution.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Feby. 21, 1889.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and seven-tenth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street
New York.

Feby. 21st, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange Nat'l Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
27, Wall Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

February 23, 1889.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmittal to Congress a report on "Production of the Precious metals in the United States for the calendar year 1888," being my fourth report and the ninth of the same series prepared by this Bureau under annual appropriations.

The statistical matter has, as far as practicable been reduced to a tabular form, to the exclusion of textual matter, this change being in accord, as I conceive with the general purpose and method of mineral statistics.

The editorial and statistical labors of this report have, as usual, been shared with E. O. Leech, of the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 23, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office, at Helena Mon. for the Month ending January 31, 1889 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 23, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Assay Office
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the Month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 23, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

State by wire at close of business twenty fifth instant, cost of local purchases of Silver.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

February 23, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Messrs. Handy & Harman request an extension of the time in which to complete delivery of 300000 ounces Silver sold by them on the 15th instant at 93.45 cents, and they have been granted until the 1st proximo in which to complete the delivery.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 Statements of Receipts, Payments and Balances (Form No. 250.)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 23, 1889.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 21st instant, the time to complete delivery on sale of 300000 ounces of February 15th, at 93.45 cents, per ounce, is extended until the 1st proximo.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Feby. 25, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirteen Thousand and Thirty $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars, ($13,030.$\frac{10}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty seven $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars ($237.$\frac{26}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{36}{100}$ Dollars ($13,267.$\frac{36}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby 20th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 25, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City for the month ending January, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Feby. 25, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending January 31st, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 25, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending December 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 25, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $100. from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1889, to meet expenses incurred by you in the collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Feby. 25, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby. 20, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 81 dated Feby 18, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $13,300.69/100, charges $33.33/100, and net value $13,267.36/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 25, 1889.

Geo. W. Moss, Esq.,
Agent, Adams Express Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find check No. 6916 of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York for $9,200.– the same being in payment of account of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of 4,000,000 standard silver dollars from the Mint at New Orleans to the U. S. Treasurer at Washington. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the check.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I.T.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of March 1888, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of one case of stationery, amounting to 17c consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1888.

Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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February 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find requisition for Stationery transmitted with your letter of the 19th inst. The number of subordinates for which the stationery is required should be stated, and samples of envelopes and paper should be sent with the requisition. It will also be necessary to explain the use you have for so large a quantity of plain envelopes as they cannot be used officially. The Department understands by the word "plain" that no printing of any kind is desired. Is this what is meant by the requisition or do you wish the envelopes to be printed with penalty stamps?

The yellow Assay paper is classed as stationery and should be entered on this requisition, as shown in pencil. You will also observe that the item of ink is erased. This is done because ink cannot be shipped in winter, see foot note on requisition.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Statements of Refinery Operations, (Form No. 95)
25 Abstracts of Petty Expenses, (Form No. 53 B.)

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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February 26, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of January, 1888, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of one case of Stationery, amounting to $1.28, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office fiscal year 1888.

Duplicate bill and B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

February 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant enclosing check on Assistant Treasurer at New York, No. 6916 for $9,200— in favor of the Adams Express Company, and in payment of their account for the transportation of 4,000,000, silver dollars from New Orleans to Washington has been received and delivered to their agent in this city, whose receipt for the same is on file in this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

February 26, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant calling attention to an error in the letter of the Bureau of the 21st as to the price to be paid for one cent nickel blanks, you will please consider the rate to be paid for the 50,000 pounds you are authorized to purchase of Mr. Wharton under his contract, as 34 9/10 cents per pound and not $25\frac{65}{100}$ cents.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Feby. 26, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston, Act'g Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

February 27, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars ($6,295.–) payable in Two Hundred and Twenty Dollars ($220.–) gold coin and Six Thousand and Seventy Five Dollars ($6,075.–) silver coin, the same being the value of coins of the first-named institution reserved during the calendar year 1888 and forwarded to Philadelphia for test by the Annual Assay Commission, and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars ($25,797.–) payable in Twenty Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars ($25,230.–) gold coin, and Five Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars ($567.–) silver coin, the same being the value of coins of the first named institution reserved during the calendar year 1888, and forwarded to Philadelphia for test by the Annual Assay Commission and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause the sum of $6,295.— to be transferred from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, payable $220.— in gold coin and $6,075.— in silver coin, the same being the value of the coins of your Mint reserved during the calendar year 1888, and forwarded to Philadelphia for test at the annual assay and now in the custody of the Superintendent of that Mint.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as to amounts, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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+ $25,797.— + + + + +
+ + + $25,230.— in gold coin and
$567.— in silver coin + + + + +
+ + + + + + +

February 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck in bronze for the Life Saving Service, from the dies used for the gold and silver medals, fifty (50) copies of each, transmitting your account receipted in duplicate for the same to this Bureau. These copies should be furnished at the cost of manufacture.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In response to a reference of your communication of the 16th instant, to Mr. Chas. W. Johnson, Chief Clerk of the Senate, has called at this Bureau and promised to return, on his arrival at Minneapolis after adjournment of the probable executive session of the Senate in March, the medals loaned for exhibition at the Minneapolis Exposition of 1887.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

February 27th, 1889.

Telegram

William B. Dana, and Company,
102, William Street
New York, N. Y.

Value, correct. Ounces should be one million six hundred and four thousand.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

February 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Main line) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of August 1888, from Council Bluffs to Ogden of two cases Stationery, amounting to $8.88, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1889. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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+ + + + + +
Stationery, amounting to $23.32, +
+ + + + + +
+ + + + + +

February 28, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A report on the recent count, at my request, of the cash accounts of the mint at Philadelphia reveals an irregularity in the matter of receiving "deposits from a distance;" contrary to sections 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Article 1 of the Regulations.

Enclosed find copy of an extract from the report referred to.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Mutilated . . . . coin is received at the Mint in sums of not less than three dollars, nominal x x
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Such deposits from a distance are received by the Weigh Clerk, weighed, estimated, and check drawn to the order of the Cashier "for use of depositor," whose name and the letter of advice accompanying deposit, are given to the Cashier. The latter keeps a deposit account with a national bank solely for the accomodation of such depositors, and at once deposits the sum or sums named on check or checks, and draws his own check as Cashier in favor of the depositor to whom the check is forwarded by mail.

March 1st, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship the amount to the Superintendent of said institution.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.–) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

March 1, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Israel Lawton, Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, the sum of One Hundred Sixty Seven and 87/100 Dollars ($167.87) on account of profits on the coinage of trade dollar bullion into subsidiary silver coin and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlemen the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U.S. Assay Offices at St. Louis & Charlotte for the month ending January 31, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be shipped you by the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, in gold coin.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 1st, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending January 31, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

March 1st, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 90,000 Ounces, $0.9360

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
Nesslage Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
Fourth National Bank, 75000 Ounces, at $0.9350

March 1, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.00) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 1, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th ultimo in reference to the disposition to be made of the balance of trade dollar bullion on hand you are instructed to coin the same up into dimes and as requested in your letter of above date, a deposit on account of profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver of $167.87 will be made in the Treasury of the United States in your name, and your bullion fund increased by a transfer of the same amount.

When you have coined up this bullion as closely as practicable, you will transfer whatever remaining fraction there may be to the Standard Silver dollar account as a purchase for that coinage.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 1st, 1889.

Telegram

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Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined: will accept same for New Orleans at ninety-three six-tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street,
New York City.

March 1st, 1889.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,
New York City.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York City.

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March 2, 1889.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty 21/100 Dollars ($10,380.21/100) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-four 93/100 Dollars ($144.93/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-five 14/100 Dollars ($10,525.14/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum dated Feby 27th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 2, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please render your account in duplicate for the bronze copies of the gold and silver life saving medals requested in letter of this Bureau of the 27th ultimo, upon the enclosed blank form.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1889.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Two Hundred and twenty-five thousand purchased from Handy & Harman.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 2nd, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 2, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Feby 27, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 82 dated Feby 25, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $10557.^{07}, charges $31.^{93}, and net value $10,525.^{14}. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 5, 1889

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 5, 1889.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and

Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director.

March 5th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at this Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9350

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.

51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety-three and half cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball

Director.

March 5, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

March 5, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and half cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

March 5, 1889.

Hon. Wm. Windom
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy four 37/100 Dollars, ($24,574.37/100) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Seventy Six 30/100 Dollars ($576.30/100) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Fifty 67/100 Dollars ($25,150.67/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by memorandum dated March 1, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 6, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Daniel M. Fox, Supt. U. S. Mint at Philadelphia the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($465,000.) on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 1, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 28 dated Feby 23, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $25,220.$\frac{02}{100}$, charges $69.$\frac{35}{100}$, and net value $25,150.$\frac{67}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 6th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

J. & W. Seligman & Co. 45000 Ounces, at $0.9350.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of to-day, it has come to be such a constant practice at your institution to ask for authority for special stationery purchases on the grounds of exhaustion of supply, that I am forced to take a stand against exigency purchases at your institution of stationery of a kind supplied by the Department. I regard any extremity of the kind as simply lack of foresight in the clerical department and the mint at Philadelphia is the only institution which causes any trouble in this way.

If the Special stationery vouchers of your institution were collated they would tend to show a decided departure from regulations in force throughout the public service, which it is not proper for any executive officer to disregard.

Six books will be sent by current mail.

A desire for superior quality will not be considered sufficient grounds for special purchases, the Division of Stationery being charged with discretion as to the matter of quality.

Whatever the precedents may have been in this case, and the long indulgence on my own part of a practice not in accord with regulations, I do not feel that these considerations should weigh further.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $465,000.– be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Leaves of Absence. (Form No. 82)

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 6, 1889.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

Purchased forty-five thousand ounces from Seligman & Co. at ninety-three and half-cents.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 6, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Receipt books for Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-one $\frac{05}{100}$ Dollars, (\$15,131.$\frac{05}{100}$,) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Twelve $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars (\$112.$\frac{51}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-

-three $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars, ($15,243.$\frac{56}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum dated March 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 4, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated Feby 28, 1889 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $\$15,282.\frac{04}{100}$, charges $\$38.\frac{48}{100}$, and net value $\$15,243.\frac{56}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause one million silver dollars to be coined in March.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5000.00 from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet, in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $255.80, for the manufacture of 10 pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of your mint. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver dollars, as follows:

On account of Wages of workmen -	$245.60
" " to Contingent Expenses -	10.20

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

March 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $12,200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the Support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 2,700.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	7,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2,500.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$17,500.

Salaries,	1889,	$3,500
Wages of workmen,	1889,	14,000

March 7th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement your bill amounting to $255.80, for the manufacture of 10 pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your mint:

Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$245.60
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	10.20

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $125.00 from the appropriation for contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint to meet the expenses incurred by you in connection with the collection of Statistics of the production of the precious metals, during the calendar year 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 7, 1889.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{91}{100}$, (\$21,294.$\frac{91}{100}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Forty-one $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars (\$241.$\frac{09}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Six $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars, (\$21,536.$\frac{00}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum dated March 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars; ($25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 8th, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery, & Standard Silver Dollar Storage & Coinage accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint, at Philadelphia for the month ending February 28, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

March 8, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated March 4, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 22 dated Feby 28th, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $21,592 $\frac{40}{100}$, Charges $56 $\frac{40}{100}$, and net value $21,536 $\frac{00}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $4800.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$1500.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,500.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	800.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

$2000.

Salaries,	1889,	$700
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	300

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

$26000.00

Salaries,	1889,	$3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	20,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	2,500

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

$5400.00 Office

Salaries	1889,	$3,400
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	2,000

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

$236.80 Office

Salaries,	1889,	$236.80

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$501.40 Office

Salaries,	1889	$301.40
Wages of Workmen,	1889	$200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1889	

March 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3000, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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″ $1500.00 ″ ″ ″ ″
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March 8th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co.	100000 Ounces,	at $0.9340
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company	70000 Ounces,	at $0.9340

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director of the Mint.

See next page, two (2) Similar letters except as noted, addressed to:

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Handy & Harman	100,000 Ounces,	at $ 0.9340
Fourth National Bank	50,000 Ounces,	at $ 0.9340

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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American Exchange
National Bank, N.Y. _ 25,000 at $ 0.9340

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March 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Coinage & Storage accounts for the month ending February 28th, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $11,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver

Dollars to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

March 8, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange Nat'l Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 8, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

March 9, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-six 24/100 Dollars ($15,666.24/100) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighteen 20/100 Dollars ($118 20/100,) in Silver Coin, making a Total of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four 44/100 Dollars, ($15,784.44/100) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City (as shown by Memorandum dated March 6, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 9, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Boisé City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated March 6, 1889 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 29 dated Feby 28th 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $15,822.20, charges $37.76, and net value $15,784.44. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 9, 1889.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $1100.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$300.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	800.
		1100.

Your requisition is reduced to the above amounts because of the balances shown to be on hand by your daily statement of March 2, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 9th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon inquiry I find that the quality and size of paper requested in your letter of the 1st instant is not kept in stock in the Stationery division of this Department, You are therefore, authorized to purchase the same in your city.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 9, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $6000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

March 11, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending February, 28, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1889.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of March, 1889, has been approved for the sum of $1200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889	$240.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	610.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	
Repairs of Building & renovation of grounds	1889,	350.
		1200.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 11, 1889

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant requesting authority to sell an old Sheet Iron Safe which you state to be useless, you are authorized to dispose of the same to the best advantage, depositing the proceeds in the Treasury as sale of old material, transmitting certificate of deposit to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 11, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st ultimo authority is hereby granted you to subscribe for the following newspapers:

The Pioneer Press, St. Paul, Minn.
The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon.
The Helena Journal, Helena, Mon. &
The Iron Age, New York City.

Bills for same will be forwarded to this Bureau for payment.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $800.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 11, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 11th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your recent statements of Domestic Production I find that you have credited the Chicago S. & R. Co. and the Chicago and Aurora S. & R. Co. each with deposits of refined bullion.
From information received at this Bureau

I am under the impression that these refineries have consolidated under the firm name of Chicago and Aurora S. & R. Co. If this is the case, you will in future, please credit the deposit under the new firm name.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 11th 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sale of Fourth National Bank fifth instant was Sixty thousand ounces.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$22,874.^{79}$,) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars ($\$250\frac{01}{100}$,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-four $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$23,124\frac{80}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum dated March 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant in relation to a change in the form of "Assayers memorandum" to depositors of gold bullion, I would say that it is the object of the Department to establish uniformity, as far as practicable in its system of blanks, and that in consequence it is not considered advisable to make an exception of this. I have caused a thousand copies of the form kept in stock in this Bureau to be mailed to you today. You are the first to object to the form in its present shape and if you have important reasons, other than those already given, I will be pleased to consider them with a view to revising the form.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 (Form No. 42 d.) Memorandum of Gold Bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

March 12, 1889.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated March 7, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 33 dated Feby 28, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$23,183.$\frac{17}{100}$ charges \$58 ^{37}, and net value \$23,124.$\frac{80}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1500 Yellow melt cards
2000 White " "

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

On Form 125 for January the number of silver dollars from delivery 10, January 14, reserved at New Orleans for assay is entered 20, but on the Cashier's Daily Statement 22.

Which is correct?

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 12th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Nesslage Colgate & Co.	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340
Handy & Harman.	50,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

Reject silver bars below acceptable degree of fineness, and notify shippers.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

March 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 12, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams addressed to:

Handy and Harman,
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street,
New York.

March 13, 1889

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending February 28, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refinery and S. S. Dollar accounts for the month ending February 28, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 13th, 1889

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 12th instant relative to the receipt of Silver bars from the Chicago and Aurora refineries, I would say that the Bureau was informed that these two refineries had been consolidated under the name of the Chicago and Aurora Smelting & Refining Company.

Doubtless they stamp the bars of the two refineries separately for the purposes of identification, and of course it is proper for you to keep them separate, but in your reports to this Bureau of deposits by private refineries you will please consolidate the bars of the Chicago and Aurora refineries under the name of the Chicago and Aurora Smelting and Refining Company, as the books of this office are printed under that title.

In order to remove any doubt on the subject, however, I have written to the president of the company and if there is any change from these instructions you will be notified.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Believing that it will be impracticable, without a great deal of protest to discontinue the issue of any proof-pieces of coin provided by law, I have concluded not to make any effort to do so, and therefore authorize you to continue the former practice as to the issue of complete proof-sets for the present year, the number of each piece, except in case of further instructions, not to be less than the number coined during the calendar year 1888.

As long as there was a possibility that the discontinuance of the coinage of one and three-dollar gold pieces and three-cent nickel piece might be provided for by Congress I did not feel it justifiable to issue any of these pieces. As Congress has adjourned without action in these matters, I have no warrant for their further discontinuance.

Respectfully, yours,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1889.

Hon. John Sherman,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Pending the bills in Congress for the discontinuance of the coinage of three dollar gold pieces and one-dollar gold pieces and three-cent nickel pieces, the issue of proof-sets of other than silver and minor coin has not been resumed for the year 1889. Now that Congress, however, has adjourned without these bills becoming laws the proof-sets will be filled as soon as practicable, and a free supply obtained in the usual manner.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1889.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the month ending February 28, 1889, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Two Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

+ + + Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts +
+ Superintendent + + Carson + +
+ + + + + + + +

+ + + Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts
+ Superintendent + + + San Francisco +
+ + + + + + + +

March 15, 1889.

Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending February 28, 1889, with my approval.

In taking credit on your abstract of disbursements for Refy. expenses, for the amt. covered by voucher #4, you have made an error of $2.00. The amount should have been entered $939.75 not $937.75. I have caused the error to be corrected. Your correct balance should be $2028.84.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 15, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Daily Statements of Cashier's Balances, Receipts and Payments. (Form No. 231 a)

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Mar. 15, 1889.

Supt. U.S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examin-

-ation and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending February 28, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 15th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces at $0.9340

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Handy & Harman	25,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340
Nesslage Colgate & Co.	65,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340
Fourth Bank, N. Y.	75,000 Ounces,	at $0.9340

March 15, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery & Standard Silver Dol. accounts for the month ending February 28, 1889, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 15, 1889

Mr. H. J. Elza,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

The "corner of a $100. bill" enclosed with your letter of March 12, has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States, to whom such remittances should be sent direct, and who will inform you as to redemption.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1889.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall St. New York.

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Telegram Confirmed

March 15, 1889.

American Exchange Nat'l Bank.
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and four tenth cents, per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street, New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

March 15, 1889.

Messrs. Harper & Brothers,
Publishers, Franklin Square
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen;

Your bill of the 1st instant for books purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to $9.20 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 15, 1889.

To the
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I would be glad to confer with you at the U. S. Assay Office in New York, at 11 A. M. on Monday next, in reference to changing the days for receiving offers for, and purchasing silver.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street, New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs. Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Messrs. Nesslage Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street, New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay
#11, Wall Street, New York.

March 16th, 1889

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company. 70,000 Ounces, at $0.9340

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The accounting Officers of the Department decline to pass voucher No. 2 of your Standard Silver Dollar account for the month of October last unless the receipt of the copper, covered by it, is certified by the Melter & Refiner or by the receiving Clerk of your Mint as required by Section 7, Article 26 of the Instructions and Regulations, 1888. Please cause it to be furnished without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending February 28, 1889.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18, 1889.

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Gabriel Montegut Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars ($260,000.—) on account of the profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of $260,000. on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $155.25 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in which you call attention to the fact that J. & W. Seligman & Co. have not completed delivery on sale of the 5th instant, you will notify them to deliver the balance without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 18, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you in January 1889, amounting to $60.12 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1889. Duplicate invoice herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18th, 1889.

Alexander Trippel Esq.
Phoenix Arizona.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I have to say that your bill for services in collating the statistics of the production of the precious metals in Arizona for 1888, was approved and referred for payment by this Bureau on the 28th ultimo, and that a draft for the amount ($450.) was mailed to your address at Globe Arizona, on the 15th inst. It will, doubtless have reached you before this letter can do so.

I will thank you to advise this Bureau of its receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 18, 1889.

Mr. John MacCrimmon,
532, W. Madison Street,
Chicago Ills.

Sir:

Yours of March 15 and enclosure of "half of a dollar bill" have been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States, to whom mutilated notes for redemption should be sent direct.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19th, 1889.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at Boisé City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boisé City National Bank, Boisé City Idaho.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19, 1889.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boisé City National Bank, at Boisé City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 19th, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Bureau whether the bill of the Golden City Chemical works, of San Francisco, for 10800 lbs of Nitric Acid shipped your Mint on the 2nd of August, last, and received at Reno on the 13th of the same month, has been paid by you and, if so, what arrangement was made in the matter of the two carboys of acid, short upon arrival at Reno. If the bill was paid as rendered you will please state whether the carboys lost were paid for and at what price, and the quantity of acid each contained, as well as the price per lb. paid for same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

March 19, 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of July & August, 1888, from San Francisco to Reno. (and return of M. T. acid Tanks) of Mint Supplies, amounting to $261.78 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion $229.05 and from Contingent Expenses of your mint 1889, $32.73. Duplicate B of L herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

" " " August 1888, from Ogden to Reno of 60000 lbs, coal, amounting to $180.00, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1889. Duplicate B/L herewith.

March 19, 1889.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Statements of Shipments of Gold bullion (Form No. 1318)

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 19th 1889.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9360

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Handy & Harman 115,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
Fourth National Bank 20,000 Ounces, at $0.9360
American Exchange National Bank, 25000 Ounces, at $0.9360.

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Lt. Col. R. N. Batchelder,
Deputy Qr. Mr. General U.S.A.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find account of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation service rendered during the month of August 1888.

It appears from the original bill of lading, also herewith, that when the shipment arrived at Reno it was short two carboys of nitric acid.

I will thank you to inform this Bureau as to the conditions of the shipment, i, e, whether at ordinary rates or whether made under a special contract with the Co.

Please return enclosures with your reply.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 19th, 1889.

W. R. Meserole, Esq.,
Springville, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 17th instant you are respectfully informed that the price of the regular proof set of silver and minor coins as fixed by the regulations governing the Mint service is $3.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

March 19, 1889.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-three and six-tenth, cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

March 19, 1889.

Telegram Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Twenty-five thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Confirmed

Similar telegram, except as to No. of Ozs., addressed to:
Fourth National Bank,
New York.

+ + + + Twenty Thousand Ounces + +

March 19, 1889.

Telegram Confirm

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

One Hundred and fifteen thousand ounces of your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 19, 1889

Telegram Confirming

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

March 20, 1889

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City & that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{33}{100}$ Dollars (\$14,757 $\frac{33}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars (\$323 $\frac{31}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand and Eighty $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars (\$15,080. $\frac{64}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boisé City, as shown by Memorandum dated March 16th, 1889, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 20th, 1889.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated March 16th, 1889, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 30 dated March 9, 1889, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$15,116. $\frac{31}{100}$, charges \$35.67, and net value \$15,080. $\frac{64}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution & that of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 20, 1889.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Before requisition can be made for the "Gold Receipts" asked for in your letter of the 18th instant, it will be necessary for you to forward a sample receipt. You should also state the number required and how the book is to be bound, and whether they are to be printed with stubs and perforated.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

March 20th, 1889.

Thomas Jordan, Esq., Editor,
Financial and Mining Record.
61 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday, I regret that your journal has not received the publications of this Bureau promptly.

The records of this Bureau show that the report on the Production of Gold and Silver, 1887, was mailed to your paper the same day that a copy was mailed to the Engineering and Mining Journal. The delay in sending the fiscal report was occasioned by the fact that the two reports were received from the printer so nearly together, and for the first time in recent years had to be wrapped by the force of this Bureau, and there was some confusion and delay in mailing them.

In regard to the publications in the Engineering and Mining Journal, I would say that a day or two after the abstract of each of the reports was given to the press the editor telegraphed for a copy, and one was made and mailed him. The same would have been done in regard to your journal if you had asked for it.

I have issued instructions to the clerk in charge of the mailing of the reports of this Bureau that hereafter copies of all publica-

-tions of this Bureau, are to be sent to your journal among the first and as soon as any are sent to the other papers, and an abstract of the reports when furnished to other journals will also be sent to yours if you desire it.

There has been no intention on the part of this Bureau to slight you in any respect in regard to its publications, and they will always be forwarded to you with pleasure.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1889.

Mr. J. A. Bennett,
Reidsville, N. C.

Sir:

The mutilated five-dollar note enclosed with your letter of March 18 has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States, to whom such remittances should be sent direct.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1889.

To the
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

After the 22nd instant, offers for the sale of silver will be received and considered on Mondays and Thursdays of each week, at one o'clock P.M., instead of Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Similar letters sent to addresses stated on next page:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Messrs. Clark Dodge & Co.,
#51 Wall Street
New York.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Western National Bank,
New York.

Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.